Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image retrieval system that retrieves static image data associated with video data, comprising:

a storage unit that stores static image data which are associated with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

an input unit that accepts an input keyword;keyword from a user;

an extraction unit that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; andprocessing;

a retrieval unit that matches the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image data.data;

a retrieval result display unit that displays the retrieved relevant static image data, varying size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data; and

a video display unit that, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, reproduces and displays associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

2-3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently Amended) An image retrieval method for retrieving static image data associated with video data, comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in the video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

extracting a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; and

matching an input keyword input by a user with the extracted character string to retrieve relevant static image data.data;

displaying the retrieved relevant static image data, varying the size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data; and

reproducing and displaying, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a function for retrieving static image data associated with video data, the function comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

accepting an input keyword;keyword from a user;

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extracting a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; and

matching the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image ~~data.~~data;

displaying the retrieved relevant static image data, varying the size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data; and

reproducing and displaying, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

7-8.   (Canceled)